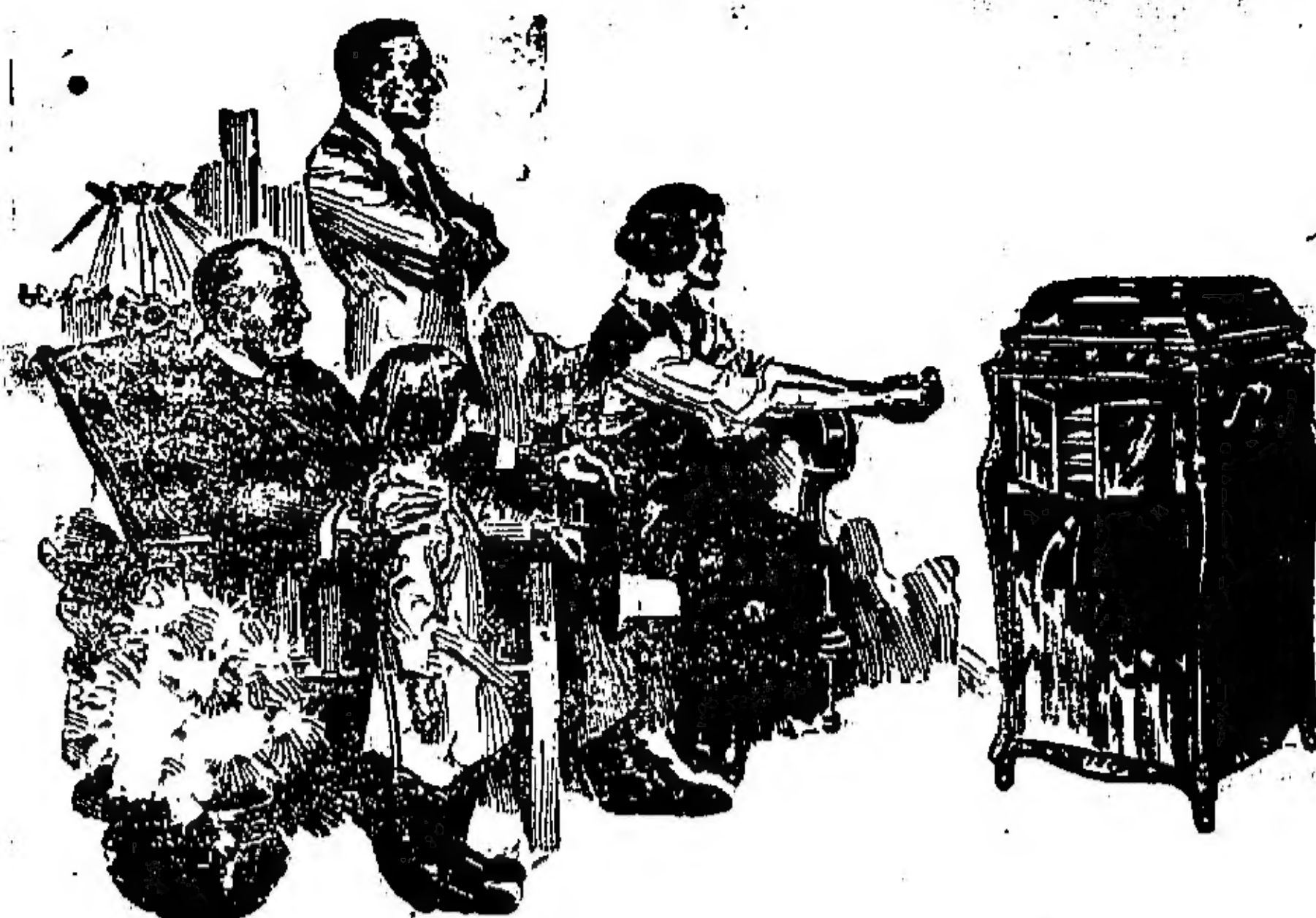


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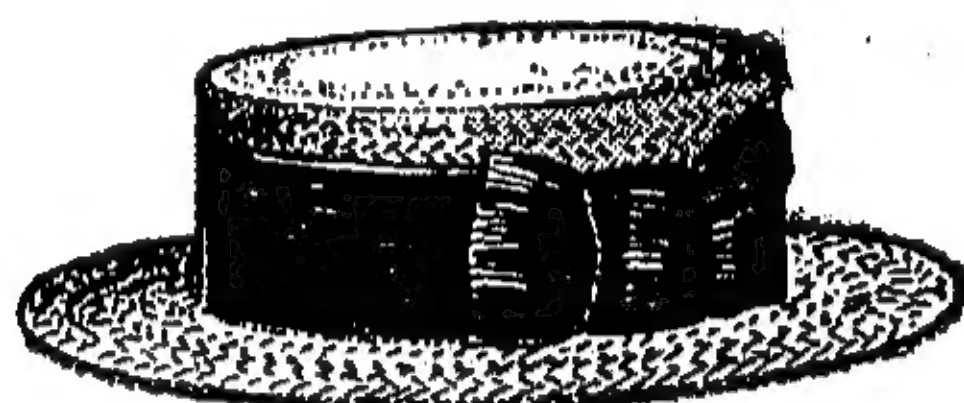


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The Hongkong Jockey Club Race meeting for 1919 opened yesterday under circumstances which, in spite of a formidable lack of support by the Chinese community, augur well for a successful and enjoyable four days' racing. The gathering was thoroughly representative of the European and the Portuguese communities in the Colony, but the almost total absence of the most prominent Chinese seems to indicate that the rumoured boycott of the races has materialised.

The Grand Stand presented a very animated appearance in the latter part of the afternoon, while the enclosures were thronged with an immense number of Chinese of the labouring classes. Of the six stands erected by the Club for the use of the public, only three were taken up by Indians, Japanese and Portuguese. The remaining three, presumably intended for the Chinese, were unoccupied.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, who was accompanied by Mrs. A. H. Lemon (the Hon. Mr. A. H. Lemon arriving a little later) and Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse, arrived shortly before mid-day, and was received by Mr. T. F. Hough, and other officials of the Club. The Band of the 18th Infantry played some familiar and popular tunes during the afternoon, and added considerably to the liveliness of the proceedings.

The racing was full of "thrills" and the entire unexpectedness of some of the results gave a zest to the sport. The "certainty" very often disappointed its supporters. The going was believed to be heavy for the first two races, owing to the rain on the previous afternoon, but it improved greatly as the afternoon wore on, and, if there is no more rain, the racing to-day should be excellent from every point of view. On the whole, those who backed the "safe" ponies for places, being content with the prospect of small dividends, did well.

THE SPORT.

No less than sixteen ponies faced the starters in the first race, and Victory Star and Dalesman were hot favourites. Victory Star won easily, but the result would probably have been reversed if Mr. Dowbiggin's pony had obtained anything like a good start as the winner. It was Mr. Basto's first success on the local turf, and he was heartily congratulated. Perhaps not was another pony fancied for this event, but it did not get well away and was never in the race.

The Maiden Stakes, in which eight ponies faced the starter, saw the first public appearance of several of the Derby ponies. General fancy was divided between Wisdom and Purity Dahlia, and Grey Mouse had a large following. The race proved a fairly easy thing for the John Peel candidate, Wisdom, so which Mr. Johnston scored his first win during the afternoon. Both Grey Mouse and Wisdom ran up to expectations, but the pony that finished surprisingly well was Firelight—it is a pony that is well worth watching. Mr. Vids' run of big luck was a noticeable feature of the afternoon—commenced with this race. Purity Dahlia should have finished better than fifth.

The first great surprise came in the Victoria Stakes, when, contrary to all expectations, Malcolm beat Sandy, the favourite, and Spotted Sand, a pony that was very heavily backed on account of its work on the training track. Malcolm's win must be put down to the fine judgment which its rider displayed. Almost to the very end the race seemed to be between Sandy and Spotted Sand. Grey Goose, another much fancied pony, did not finish in the first five. The Pari-mutuel paid a dividend of \$245.30 on Malcolm for a win, only eleven tickets having been taken on his chances. Curiously enough, however, it was backed so heavily for a place that a dividend of only \$7.90 was paid.

The victory of Smokebox, in the next race, was only a little less surprising than had been that of Malcolm. According to the 'experts' there were only two ponies in the race, Burst Length and Cassius, but the former could only finish a poor second to Smokebox, while the latter, owing perhaps, in large measure, to a miserable start, was nowhere at all. Smokebox won easily, and the Pari-mutuel paid \$95.70. The time for this race was only a second behind that recorded in the Maiden Stakes. It will be worth while to watch Wedding Bells and Gris-gris to-day.

The Challenge Cup went, as was generally anticipated, to Standard Dahlia. Burning Daylight was also strongly favoured owing to the fact that Johnstone was riding it. All through the race Standard Dahlia was in a good position, and thought at one time it looked as though Black Jack was going to maintain the lead it had secured, but it came to the front at the right time, and kept there. Tytam Chief, last year's Derby winner, found a good number of backers, and finished fourth.

The Trial Plate, in which those Derby ponies which had not run in the Maiden Stakes were running, created great interest. Considerable interest was also centred in Alexander and Footlight, but the former finished a splendid second to Mr. G. H. Potts' Derby candidate, while Footlight was not within the first four. It is now no easier than it was before to spot the Derby winner.

Mr. Moller sprang a distinct surprise on the gathering by winning the Garrison Cup on Starlight. Cornhill, who had achieved a good reputation on the training track, Doubtful, of the John Peel stable, and Black Cat were the most fancied of the eight ponies in the race. Mr. Moller used the whip freely in the straight, and managed to head off a determined challenge from Cornhill. The Pari-mutuel paid the highly satisfactory dividend of \$63.70.

Valley King created a very favourable impression during its training, and its admirers must have been delighted at the manner in which this pony, so splendidly ridden by Mr. Hill, won the Professional Cup. For the greater part of the race it was a long way behind the others, and it must have covered the last quarter of a mile in the neighbourhood of 30 seconds. Crest and Olympic Dahlia disappointed their supporters. The former, however, will yet win something.

The Jockey Club Stakes were annexed by Night Hawk, which was almost as great a favourite as Triumph. Many were hard hit by the failure of Mr. Burkill's mount to win this race. Mr. Johnston rode finely and had no difficulty in winning.

With sixteen ponies facing the starter in the last race, and many of these appearing for the first time, it was not easy to pick the winner. The large number who backed Victory Star found that that pony was not so good over seven furlongs as it had been over a mile. Turi King was a disappointment. It became bunched up in the crowd and was never able to get clear. Mr. Moller's win on Moonlight was not entirely unexpected, though the pari-mutuel paid a dividend of \$30.60.

Analysing yesterday's results, it will be seen that Mr. Hill was the most successful rider, getting 4 firsts and two thirds; Mr. John Johnston had 5 firsts, a second and a third; Mr. Moller a first, one second and one third, the two

remaining first places going to Messrs. Knoll and Burkill. The John Peel Stables, Mr. G. H. Potts and the Ciro Stables each enjoyed two victories yesterday.

THE RESULTS.

THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.—Winner \$800, Second \$200, Third \$100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of any season non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lbs. Half-a-mile.

Mr. B. Basto's Victory Star, 10st. 1lb. (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. Ciro's Moonlight, 10st. 11lb. (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Dalesman, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Reid) 3
Mr. Adams' White Fang, 10st. 10lb. (Mr. Adams) 0
Mr. Billiards' Losing Hazard, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0
Mr. Buxey's Excelsior, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Burkill) 0
Messrs. d'Almada & Roche's Castello Branco, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Kremer) 0
Mr. Dash's Gadfly, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. Dryadust's Pecksniff, 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Crockam) 0
Mr. Four-of-a-Kind's Diamond, 10st. 13lb. (Mr. Brun) 0
Mr. Four-of-a-Kind's Spade, 10st. 13lb. (Mr. Dalglish) 0
Messrs. G. & G's Second Fiddle, 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0
Messrs. Gay Birds' Swallow, 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Gegg) 0
Mr. Goahead's Jossbox, 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Sedgwick) 0
Mr. John Peel's Perhaps Not, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Johnston) 0
Mr. Soares' Tambourine, 10st. 10lb. (Mr. Soares) 0

The unusual number of ponies that faced the starter made a really good start impossible. Finally, about ten animals got away together, and it was noticeable that Victory Star led with Burst Length and Second Fiddle in close attendance. Rounding the bend, Jossbox came out from the bunch and joined the two in front. The race down the straight saw Victory Star winning in a canter, about six lengths ahead of Moonlight. Dalesman, a much fancied pony, finished third, in a manner that made it plain that with a better start the race would have been a gift to it.

Time: 1min. 01.2-5secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$15.40 Ticket No.
1, 8.20 244, 858
2, 16.60 237, 180
3, 10.50 45, 75

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner \$900, Second \$200, Third \$100. For China ponies born fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season 1918-1919, allowed 7lbs. Three-quarter-of-a-mile.

Mr. John Peel's Wisdom, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Johnston) 1
Mr. Henry Humphrey's Grey Mouse, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2
Mr. Ciro's Firelight, 10st. 19lb. (Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. Faah's Dusky, 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Dalglish) 0
Mr. T. F. Hough's Bend Or, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Gegg) 0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Congo Chief, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Crockam) 0
Mr. Nemaze's Meymoon, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0
Sir Paul's Purity Dahlia, 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Vids) 0
Mr. D. M. Ross' Grouse, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Sedgwick) 0

The ponies got away to a good start, as far as one could see from the Grand Stand. Grouse, Purity Dahlia, and Firelight assumed good positions, while Grey Mouse early obtained a good place near the rails. When the half-mile post was reached Grouse had fallen back to second or third place, while Wisdom was gradually forging ahead. At one time it seemed like Grey Mouse's race, but when the bend was being negotiated Johnston joined the leader, while Firelight took the place of Purity Dahlia in the front rank. Mr. Johnston snatched a good win by a length from Grey Mouse, which finished only half a length in front of Firelight. Purity Dahlia was fifth.

Time: 1min. 35.4-5secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$10.30 Ticket No.
1, 8.80 117, 781
2, 6.30 350, 223
3, 6.90 38, 111

THE VICTORIA STAKES.—Winner \$600, Second \$200, Third \$100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Bona fide griffins on date of entry allowed 5lbs. Subscription griffins of this season, 1918-1919, allowed 10lbs. One mile.

Mr. Horford's Malcolm, 10st. 19lb. (Mr. Hill) 1
Sir Paul's Spotted Sand, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Vids) 2
Mr. John Peel's Sandy, 10st. 13lb. (Mr. Johnston) 3
Mr. Ciro's Daintylight (late Daintylight), 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Dryadust's Mayba, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Crockam) 0
Mr. Faah's Grey Goose, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Dalglish) 0
Mr. H. Hancock's Dun Duke, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Reid) 0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Essex Chief, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0

There were several false starts. When finally the ponies got away, Mayba took up a good position on the rails, with Essex Chief and Spotted Sand together in second place, Grey Goose and Daintylight just behind, and Sandy and Malcolm bringing up the rear. Mayba only kept the lead up to the three-quarter-mile post, where it was assumed by Spotted Sand. It was noticeable that Grey Goose was improving its position, while Sandy was also coming up on the outside. No material change in this order occurred till the beginning of the bend, where Grey Goose dropped slightly back and Malcolm was seen to take a good position on the outside of the others. Down the straight it seemed as if Spotted Sand was going to win, but Malcolm came up with a rush in the last 200 yards, and not only challenged Sir Paul's pony but also beat it by half a length. Sandy finished a good third, a length behind Spotted Sand. Daintylight and Grey Goose were fourth and fifth respectively.

Time: 2mins. 11secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$245.30 Ticket No.
1, 7.60 159, 870
2, 6.30 124, 248
3, 5.70 285, 134

THE VALLEY STAKES.—Winner \$600, Second \$200, Third \$100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, 1918-1919. Weight for inches as per scale. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Goahead's Smokebox, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Knoll) 1
Mr. Fireworks' Burst Length, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Johnston) 2
Mr. F. S. Gibbings' Torbay, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Hill) 3
Mr. Adams' Cassius, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Vids) 0
Mr. Buxey's Victor, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Four-of-a-Kind's Club, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Dalglish) 0
Mr. Lux's Gris-Gris, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Brun) 0
Mr. Nemaze's Jayhoon, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0
Mr. Nemo's Blighty, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Crockam) 0
Mr. Soares' Tarantula, 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Gegg) 0
Mr. F. W. Sotterley's Sea Sand, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Kremer) 0
Mr. Wayfong's Wedding Bells, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. R. E. Sedgwick) 0

A straggling start. Burst Length and Torbay secured a good position, with Smokebox on their heels and Gris-Gris and Jayhoon lying third. Before a quarter-of-a-mile had been traversed Smokebox joined the leaders. When negotiating the bend, Wedding Bells came out of the rack and joined Jayhoon, and Smokebox drew level with Burst Length. Burst Length had such a good position on the rails and was running so strongly that it appeared as if the race would end in its favour, but Mr. Knoll rushed his mount, in the two hundred yards and won in very convincing style by a length. Burst Length was second, three-quarters of a length in front of Torbay. Torbay's running in this event was not quite clear, owing to the glare on the course.

Time: 1min. 35.4-5secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$65.70 Ticket No.
1, 11.40 135, 825
2, 6.80 346, 248
3, 12.10 218, 138

THE CHALLENGE CUP.—Value one hundred guineas. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive \$500 and 70 per cent., second \$250 and 30 per cent., third \$125 and 10 per cent. of the entrance fees until the cup is finally won when the second pony will receive 75 per cent. and the third pony 25 per cent. of the entrance fees in addition to the place money. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. F. S. Gibbings' Standard Dahlia, 11st. 7lb. (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Faah's Black Jack, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Dalglish) 2
Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. J. Johnston) 3
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Tytam Chief, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0
Mr. P. K.'s Anticipation, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Kremer) 0

THE TRIAL PLATE.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$100. For China ponies, bona fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for griffins as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season, 1918-1919 allowed 7lbs. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7lbs. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lbs. Allowances accumulative. From the two mile post once round and in.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Mountain King, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. John Peel's Alexander, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Johnstone) 2
Mr. Fash's Pink Eye, 11st. 4lbs. (Mr. Dalglish) 3
Mr. Cere's Footlight, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Moller) 0
Sir Ellis Kadorie's American Chief, 10st. 9lbs. (Mr. Knoll) 0
Sir Paul's Vesuvius Duhia, 10st. 10lbs. (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. D. M. Ross' Claret, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Sedgwick) 0

When the ponies passed the winning post for the first time, American Chief was leading by a couple of lengths, while Vesuvius Duhia and Alexander were in second place and Claret running abreast of Pink Eye a length behind. The pace increased faster than was expected, and Alexander was seen to be improving its position. During the best part of this race, the ponies were huddled together, so that it was difficult to distinguish them. Claret and American Chief were together for a while in front. At the bend there was a complete change in the leaders, Mountain King and Alexander leaving the rest behind. Down the straight a great race ensued between these two. Johnstone held the rails, but Hill was a head in front and kept there, finishing a well-judged race by that distance. Pink Eye was a length and a half behind Mountain King.

Time: 2min. 24secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$27.20 Ticket No.
1, 6.50 170, \$1,441
2, 6.50 11, 411
3, 6.50 310, 206

THE GARRISON CUP.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison. \$200 added for winner. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of any season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous meetings of one race 7lbs.; of more than one 14lbs.; at this meeting 5lbs. extra. Penalties accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lbs. One mile.

Mr. Cere's Starlight, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Medico's Cornhill, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. John Peel's Doubtful, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Johnstone) 3
Mr. Dash's Firefly, 11st. 4lbs. (Mr. Sedgwick) 0
Mr. Dryadust's Stiggins, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Crockam) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Blighty King, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Hill) 0
Mr. Soares' Black Cat, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Gegg) 0
Mr. Lowe's Variety, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0

A good start. Starlight was leading when the ponies passed the winning post for the first time, with Black Cat a length behind, and Cornhill on the latter's heels. Doubtful was fourth, in a good position. When the three-quarter mile post was reached, Doubtful was forging ahead, and a quarter-of-a-mile later, Black Cat dropped back. Starlight was still in front, and as it had held that position from the start it became a question, in the opinion of many, whether it would be caught in the bend or in the straight. Mr. Moller's mount, however, was not caught, a great race in the straight finishing in a win for Starlight, amid great excitement. Cornhill put up a fine race in the last quarter. Johnstone finished third on Doubtful.

Time: 2min. 11 4/5secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$63.70 Ticket No.
1, 10.70 442, \$1,469
2, 5.90 167, 417
3, 6.40 409, 208

THE PROFESSIONAL CUP.—Presented. Value \$500 and \$200 to winner. Second to receive \$200. Third \$100. For griffins on date of entry and ponies that have never won a race. Subscription griffins of this season, 1918-1919, allowed 5lbs. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lbs. Allowances accumulative. One mile.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Valley King, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. Dryadust's Salamander, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Crockam) 2
Sir Ellis Kadorie's Formosa Chief, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Knoll) 3
Mr. Adams' Orest, 11st. 4lbs. (Mr. Vidal) 0
Sir Paul's Olympia Duhia, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Soares' Blunco Cat, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Gegg) 0

A good start, and all of the best racing of the day. Olympia Duhia assumed the lead at an early stage, with Salamander in close attendance, and Formosa Chief on the heels of the other. There was no material change in this order till the last

half mile, when Olympia Duhia dropped back slightly, and Salamander assumed the lead. Down the straight, much to the surprise of those who did not know that Valley King was being nursed by Hill for the final effort, that pony, who was lying well behind the others, came out in splendid style and won by half a length. Salamander was second and Formosa Chief third. The race was a personal triumph for Hill, whose riding gained him great applause.

Time: 2mins. 12secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$29.00 Ticket No.
1, 5.70 386, \$1,449
2, 7.50 492, 414
3, 7.00 169, 207

THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.—Winner \$800. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5lbs. Subscription griffins of this season, 1918-1919, allowed 10lbs. Winners at this meeting 5lbs. extra. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. John Peel's Night Hawk, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Johnstone) 1
Sir Paul's Triumph, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. Robt. Macgregor's Upwood Park, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Hill) 3
Mr. Cere's Fairlight, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Dynasty's Vivat, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Reid) 0
Dr. Forsyth's North Star, 11st. 4lbs. (Mr. Sedgwick) 0
Mr. Nomaze's Seyhoon (late Rochester), 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0
Sir Paul's Attraction Duhia, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Vidal) 0

A good start. Night Hawk was fortunate in getting a good position on the rails, which it held all through the race. When the ponies passed the winning post for the first time, Triumph and Night Hawk were practically abreast, in front, while Vivat was second and Upwood Park, in a good position, third. The whole race resolved itself into a contest between the leaders. It seemed at one time as if Triumph would do the trick, but Johnstone, riding with judgment, kept his pony in front and won by a length. Vivat had dropped out at the top of the bend, and Upwood Park had taken its place, and finished one-and-a-half lengths behind Triumph.

Time: 2mins. 41 1/5secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$15.50 Ticket No.
1, 5.50 432, \$1,469
2, 5.30 490, 419
3, 5.90 10, 209

THE RACING STAKES.—Winner \$800. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, 1918-1919. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 5lbs. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lbs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Cere's Moonlight, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Moller) 1
Dr. Forsyth's Morning Star, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. R. E. Sedgwick) 2
Mr. B. Basto's Victory Star, 11st. 4lbs. (Mr. Johnstone) 3
Mr. Adams' White Fang, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Adams) 0
Mr. Buxey's Hector, 10st. 4lbs. (Mr. Moller) 0
Messrs. D'Almada & Rocha's Castello Branco, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Kromer) 0
Mr. Dash's Gadfly, 10st. 10lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. Dynasty's King John, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Reid) 0
Messrs. G. & G's First Fiddle, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0
Mr. Lux's Gris-Gris, 10st. 1lb. (Mr. Brun) 0
Messrs. Murray & Leitch's Woodworker, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 0
Mr. Nemo's Napoo, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Crockam) 0
Sir Paul's Thames Duhia, 11st. 4lbs. (Mr. Burkill) 0
Sir Paul's Avon Duhia, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Vidal) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Turf King, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Hill) 0
Mr. Soares' Tambourine, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Soares) 0

Considering that no less than sixteen ponies were facing the starter in this event, there was a surprisingly good start. Before the race was long in progress, Victory Star was leading, while Turf King, Moonlight and several other fancied ponies were in a bunch a length and a half behind. Morning Star was seen to forge ahead in the bend, but it was not till the top of the straight that Moonlight gave any indication that it was going to win. Moller used the whip on his mount a good distance from the post, and Moonlight, responding gamely, challenged Morning Star, which had by that time assumed the lead. A very fine finish saw Moonlight winning by a neck. Victory Star was a poor third.

Time: 1min. 53 4/5secs.
Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$30.90 Ticket No.
1, 12.70 72, \$1,521
2, 11.70 570, 434
3, 11.30 507, 217

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.
The following are our selections for to-day.

THE JOCKEY CUP.—Dalesman for a win. Burst Length and Morning Star for places.
THE EXCHANGE PLATE.—Night Hawk or Sandy for a win, and Salamander, Cat, and Triumph or Spotted Sand for places.
THE HONGKONG DANCEY.—Footlight for a win, and Wisdom and Mountain King for places.

SUNDAY CHALLENGER CUP.—Turf King for a win; Cassius and Cornhill for places.
CHINA STAKES.—Salamander for a win, Burning Daylight and Black Jack for places.

LUSTRINE CUP.—Purity Duhia for a win; Valley King and Dusky for places.
FOOTING CUP.—Attracting Duhia for a win; Standard Duhia and Orest for places.
BOVAT NIPP CUP.—Starlight for a win; Doubtful and Torbay for places.
BLACK BOCK STAKES.—American Chief for a win; Pink Eye and Vesuvius Duhia for places.
GRASSHOPPER CUP.—Victory Star for a win, and North Star and Sandstone for places.

TRADE REPORT.

SIAM RICE.—The food problem is still acute in Europe, and has become a serious matter in Siam also. The keen competition for the available supplies of food has brought now competitors into the market in Siam and forced up prices. By "bullying" the market, speculators have made big sums without spending a cent, and without any rice changing hands. That in one reason why millers have put up the price of rice; another is the high price being paid in Japan for all rice exported. If the export price is controlled in Bangkok it will be necessary to control the price for home consumption; otherwise, the millers may try to regain what they have formerly lost in the Hongkong and Singapore markets. It is an undeniable fact that Siam has plenty of rice for export. Some people have thoughtlessly jumped to the conclusion that there is a dearth of grain. As a matter of fact, the crop is very good, and only a very tiny part of it has yet been exported. It only began to reach the mills at the end of December. The estimate is an 84 per cent. crop, which would yield something like 18 million piculs for export in 1919. The crop of the previous year was put at 92 per cent., and that yielded an export of over 20 1/2 million piculs in 1917.

RICE.—Our market has remained quiet, and prices have eased a little. It is anticipated, however, that higher rates will rule in the near future. Closing quotations as follows:—
Siam Garden, \$10.40.
Siam Straight, \$10.10.
Usual, \$9.80.
Saigon Long, \$9.40.
Saigon Round, \$9.20.
Selling White, \$11.30.
See Min White, \$12.50.
Lard—New Tins at \$34; Old Tins at \$32.50.
Hides are unchanged.

PEANUTS.—Prices have advanced. Unshelled at \$11.25 per picul; 30/32 at \$14.85, 32/34 at \$14.40; 34/36 at \$13.35/38 at \$12.70.
WOOD OIL is quiet at \$22.50.
TEA OIL is quiet at \$21.50.
PEANUT OIL.—No. 1 at \$24.50; No. 2 at \$24.
STAR ANISED OIL.—There is little doing. The present quotation is \$172.50 for Cassia Oil 75/80 per cent. at \$295; 80/85 per cent. at \$275. There is no business.
GALNUTS are quiet at \$42.
STAR ANISED is easier and is being quoted at \$20.

CEYLON OFFICIALS' MEMORIAL.

PECULIAR ATTITUDE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

A memorial has been sent to the Government of Ceylon from practically all the European officers of the Government requesting the War Bonus Commission to enquire into present salaries and cost of living, and the concession of free passage to officers proceeding on leave after four years' service.
A reply has been received to the effect that the Governor thinks that the applicants have chosen a time when things are abnormal to represent their case, and declines to accept the data put forward. The Times of Ceylon understands that it was the abnormal conditions prevailing, which must continue for some time, that had alone caused the memorial to be put forward, and that the memorialists intend pressing their views further on Government.

DUTCH TOBACCO BOYCOTT.

Holland is going to boycott many of the cheaper brands of cigarettes manufactured by the Anglo-American Tobacco Company. All Dutch manufacturers of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, and all wholesale and retail dealers, with the exception of one American concern, will join in the contemplated boycott. They have already formed an executive committee, and agreements by which the signatories will bind themselves not to sell the Anglo-American company's products, have already been sent out.
The reason for the boycott is a report that the company intends to invade the Dutch market, and supply cigarettes, etc., at prices which will make it impossible for Dutch firms to compete. Pipe-smokers too will have to find substitutes for the tobacco which, until war conditions recently interfered with supplies, were so popular in this country.
To encourage shop-keepers, they are promised by Dutch firms an average profit of 30 per cent. on the sale prices of Dutch cigarettes, for it is mainly in the sale of cigarettes, of which Holland consumes enormous quantities, that the threatened competition is most feared.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, a Chinese woman was charged with attempting to commit suicide.
It appears that the woman was seen jumping into the sea from off the Praya on Saturday night by an Indian constable, who immediately went to her assistance. The woman was taken out of the water in an unconscious condition and removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The motive for the deed is not known.
Mr. Lindell remanded the case.

BLIGHTED AFFECTION.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, a Chinese woman was charged with attempting to commit suicide.
Defendant said she had been deserted by her lover, and there was nothing worth living for.
Sergeant Arie stated that an arrangement had been arrived at whereby the lover promised to look after the woman, and that she would be happy, sweet, etc.
Mr. R. E. Lindell administered a caution and discharged the defendant.

THE LOSS OF THE "GLENOGLE."

NO BLAME ATTACHING TO MASTER OR OFFICERS.

A special court of inquiry was held on February 24th, in the court of Mr. H. H. Mackenzie, district magistrate, Rangoon, to enquire into the grounding of the Glenogle on Syriam flats on January 17th.
The vessel, with a crew of 110, was proceeding, loaded with about 5,100 tons of rice, down the river. She had passed through Monkey Point channel and then went ashore. The Port Commissioners, on being informed, immediately proceeded to the scene and found her on the Syriam flats. Efforts were made the same evening by the tug *Elm*, *Gotha*, and *Salween* to refloat her. She was stated to have broken her back. Her decks were awash the next morning. About 500 tons of rice were removed before she became a wreck. The Port Commissioners held a preliminary inquiry and the papers were sent to court. The vessel is described in Lloyd's Register as the property of the Hon. Mr. Lim Chin Sang and was built of steel in Glasgow in 1883 by the London and Glasgow Co. Her tonnage was 3,750 tons gross.

After the outbreak of war, the *Glenogle* was requisitioned by Government, who used her to carry "control" rice.
After hearing the evidence the court gave its decision mentioning that it did not consider that any blame was attached to the master or officers for the grounding of the vessel. They considered it unfortunate that the chief officer did not use his discretion to let go the starboard anchor when given the order to "let go the anchor." At the same time, his action, in letting go the port anchor by which he was standing, and which is his "working" anchor, was, perhaps, very natural.
The court also considered that it was unfortunate that the master did not take immediate steps to inform his agents of the grounding of the ship, especially as he had wireless fitted and was so near the shore. The agents got their first intimation at 9 a.m. through an outside channel. As a result of his not taking such steps, there was great delay in beginning the work of discharging the cargo, which the events showed to have been most urgent and necessary.
The cargo-bots came alongside long before the cooies arrived, but it was some two and a half hours before the ship's crew was turned on to unload the cargo whilst awaiting the cooies. The master stated that he was influenced by the opinion of the pilot that the ship would come off without difficulty on the next tide. The court did not think he was justified in being so influenced.
The court did not consider that the master or any officer's certificate should be dealt with in any way.

SPORT.

BILLIARDS.

THE HONGKONG CHAMPIONSHIP.
Mr. Guimaraes met Sergt. Hastings at the Victoria Recreation Club last night in the above competition. Play was very fast and resulted in Guimaraes defeating his opponent by 193 points in a game of 400 ap. The winner's best break was 31, whilst Sergt. Hastings' highest single score was 20.
Fokio P. Loong meets K. K. Leung to-night.

LAWN TENNIS.

The draw for the 1st and 2nd events in the Hongkong C.C. Tournaments:—
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.
1st Round: A. H. Ramjahn, T. Mashima, E. W. Bradbury, G. Manley, A. H. Crook, and Tan Toon Lay—bye.
2nd Round: V. Yanovich, F. A. Redmond, v. Wong Po Keung, N. E. Kent v. A. B. Raworth, M. K. Lo, M. P. Lo, S. E. Green, Chua Siu Kah, Yew Man Tsun, A. Morse, and E. Crocker—bye.

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.
1st Round: S. H. Dodwell and H. Hapnook v. Tan Toon Lay and Shua Siu Kah.
2nd Round: A. H. Ramjahn and G. Manley v. E. W. Bradbury and F. G. Thompson, T. Mashima and H. Sakuma v. B. Townsend and E. Crocker, V. Yanovich and J. M. J. Lopes, F. A. Redmond and N. E. Kent, S. E. Green and E. Abraham v. A. B. Raworth and A. Morse, C. C. Hickling and A. D. Humphreys v. L. Foster and W. E. Kay, Yew Man Tsun and Y. C. Chow v. A. H. Crook and A. C. Olafson, M. K. Lo and M. H. Lo—bye.

THE TRADITIONAL PROCESSION OF THE CROSS AT MACAO.

The following programme is published for the general information of the Catholic community with regard to the above festivity:—

February 27th.—The Novena commences on this day at 8.30 a.m. in the Church of St. Augustin, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Besides the Mass after the Novena, there will be other Masses from 8.30 a.m. From 7 a.m. daily, the Chaplain of the Church will be at the disposal of the faithful for confessions.

March 2nd.—A special Low Mass at 8.30 a.m., during which general Communion will be administered. Solemn High Mass and sermon at 10 a.m., in which all the confreres will be in attendance, and in the evening, about 7 o'clock, the Image of Our Lord will be borne in procession to the Cathedral. The Municipal Band will play during the liturgy.

March 9th.—At 9 a.m. High Mass with attendance of the Catholic Corporation as on every Sunday. At 4 p.m., the Low Mass, when the confreres will be present. After the Mass, the procession will start from St. Augustin Church, the Rev. Dr. Almeida, who will preach the sermon of the Cross.

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GEN. BIRDWOOD ON THE
GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN.MR. CHURCHILL'S
REMINISCENCES."THE SOUNDNESS OF THE BRITISH
RACE."

Interesting references to the Gallipoli campaign were made at a luncheon given by the Australian and New Zealand Luncheon Club in London to General Sir W. R. Birdwood and Mr. Winston Churchill, on December 18th. Sir James Mills presided over a large attendance, and proposed the health of the guests.

General Birdwood, who was received with enthusiasm, said there were no words in which he could adequately describe the valour and magnificent work done by the troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula. He referred not only to the Anzac troops, but to others, especially the glorious 2nd Division—(cheers)—for whom they had always had the most heart-felt admiration. The gallantry, devotion, and determination of the troops there created a reputation which lasted throughout the whole of the war. (Hear, hear.) In his first despatch after the landing, Sir Ian Hamilton—(cheers)—laid and distinguished soldier to whom the herculean task was entrusted—(cheers)—described the Navy as being both their father and mother; and indeed it was. They were dependent on the Navy, and never once did the Navy fail them. Indeed, he might almost say that, having looked after the troops all day, the Navy proceeded to tuck them in at night. (Laughter.)

A BAD DAY.

It was a very bad day for them when they had to leave the peninsula. It was obvious they had been unable to achieve the immediate object aimed at, but he was confident that, when history came to sum up the operations of the war, the justice would be done to the efforts of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. (Cheers.) They might take it that those who fell did not die in vain. (Hear, hear.)

"Remember," (General Birdwood continued) "it was there on the Gallipoli Peninsula that the flower of the Turkish army was well-nigh annihilated. We struck so close to the heart of the Ottoman Empire that it was only natural that her best troops should be sent to meet us, and we knew at the time how reinforcements and new divisions looked with dread at being sent to what they called the 'slaughter house,' a fitting tribute to the fighting of the troops there, who were never too well off for ammunition. I think, therefore, we may take credit, not only for the military destruction we were able to achieve, but for starting the breakdown of the morale of the Turkish Empire." (Cheers.)

Referring to the achievements of the Australians and the New Zealanders in France, General Birdwood said that the great traditions which had been built up at Gallipoli were not only maintained but enhanced; and wherever soldierly deeds were spoken of throughout the world no names stood higher than those of the Australian and the New Zealand. He referred briefly to the difficulties of the campaign, and said this might be the most critical period we had yet had to face. During the time to come they could best hold their men by three methods—employment, education, and entertainment, and everything possible was being done so far as the Australian Forces were concerned in these directions. (Cheers.)

Mr. Churchill, responding to the toast, said the fabled of the Anzacs was heard even through the world-wide turmoil and tumult of this great struggle, and there was no land in any part of the globe, which was not appraised of the part they had played. Everyone here knew the debt we all owed to the distinguished commander of the Anzac Corps. Few generals had ever been more beloved by the men they led. That was due, said General Birdwood, not only to the high material attainments and aptitude which he possessed, but to his constant care for the needs and interests and personal well-being of the soldiers he led. (Hear, hear.)

"I cannot help being drawn," Mr. Churchill proceeded, "as General Birdwood was, to dwell on the episode of the attacks upon the Gallipoli Peninsula. A mournful and painful place, about that great operation. The feeling of what might have been is intensely painful. (Hear, hear.) To all who have lived through that event. It will be the wonder of posterity that when an operation of that kind was launched and undertaken there was not from every part of the Allied world a universal movement to carry it through to a triumphant conclusion. (Hear, hear.) But when we turn our minds from what might have been achieved to what actually was achieved, then we find much, as General Birdwood has pointed out, that may comfort us and even encourage us. After all, we missed the biggest thing in the war—(hear, hear)—but although we did not succeed in gaining the astonishing results which would have flowed from success, the events were one which, from almost every point of view, was fruitful and played a definite part in the attainment of the final result."

Both knocked out of the game. As the general has pointed out, and no one has more right to speak with authority than he, the heat and heat were knocked out of the Turkish armies when that British and Australian force landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Never again was the Turk able to present such a battle front. The whole of his accumulated military strength was shattered and shattered there, and what we had to deal with afterwards in other theatres was only the remnants broken and discouraged by the main blow, which had been struck at them. In the second place, the fact that Bulgaria was prevented from joining the ranks of our enemies from March till September, 1915, is one of the utmost significance, the true measure and

importance of which even yet it is not possible to judge. What the effect would have been on the Russian situation, already beginning to crumble, on the Rumanian situation, on the Greek and the Serbian situation, if Bulgaria had perpetrated her act of madness six months earlier than she did, is almost incalculable. Certain it is that the injuries which we should have experienced during that campaign, already, for us, so formidable and difficult, would have been incomparably greater even than they were. The first British Armies raised by the genius and prestige of Lord Kitchener—(cheers)—came into the field as a new factor, but if Bulgaria had changed over before we had that new million of men available to take their part in the struggle, it might well be that disaster of an irretrievable character would have overtaken our cause.

"The graves at Anzac Cove are now under the protection of the British and Anzac troops. (Cheers.) In the end, the long arm of the British Empire has had nothing denied to it. But I agree with General Birdwood that there are scarcely any graves of the hundreds of thousands that lie about the battlefields of the great war upon which we may with more confidence write the story of men than on those graves at Anzac. (Cheers.) History comes along with ponderous, pitiless, cautious tread, and it is too early for us to appraise the true proportions of the events in the great war. Like a range of mountains, you have to get a long way away from them to see their relative sizes; but I am certain of this—that much I will venture to predict—that those, whoever they were, wherever they stood, who tried their best to make that great enterprise succeed will be those who have least to fear from the coming step of historical judgment. (Hear, hear.) And surely the gallant commander, Sir Ian Hamilton—(cheers)—set a task which perhaps no human being could achieve, having to carry on this great minor operation with a dearth—an inevitable dearth—of so much that was needed, having to take what was left over after the prime needs of France and Flanders had been dealt with, never losing heart, never despairing of the enterprise, but fighting on and struggling on in spite of every disappointment and anxiety—surely when the account is completed, and when history has done her work, among those who tried their best his name will ever bear an honoured place." (Cheers.)

"OUR DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE." The war was won. (Cheers.) All our dreams had come true. We had come to the end of the long, long trail. And what a victory! It filled our hearts with pride and with thankfulness that we had lived in such a time and belonged to such a race. (Cheers.) When we looked back on the time before the war we saw how easy it was for foreigners to think that the British Empire was only a figment of the imagination, to think that we were over to ease, slothfulness, luxury, and party politics—(laughter)—that we had not been a people whose climax had been reached at the battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo, and that we were now sprawling agreeably down the slope which so many other great empires and nations had trod. He did not blame these foreign nations, friends, neutrals, or foes, for their great miscalculation. But what a miscalculation it was! This war had proved the soundness of the British race at every point. There had been no test to which they had not been subjected; but there had been no test at which the stock had not been found absolutely sound. (Cheers.) And of all the tests of the soundness of our institutions nothing could equal that proof which was given when the great communities—the Dominions of the Crown over the seas—so many thousands of miles from the centre of conflict, enjoying absolute tactical independence, under no pressure of any kind, obeying no call but that of the King, without a moment's hesitation, entered a quarrel as to the beginning of which they could not, necessarily, have been consulted, hastened to pour out their blood, to pour out their treasure, and raise themselves in the struggle of arms to a foremost place. That was one of the great and amazing proofs of the soundness of British institutions which the great war had revealed. (Cheers.)

To Mr. Hughes, whose heart had from the first moment to the last been convulsed with the intense desire to see our Empire victorious in this struggle, he said, "Now we have got together, we have got to go on together. (Cheers.) He just came back from the General Election, and though he did not know what secret the nation contained, he was in the fullest sympathy with the idea of Imperial unification. (Cheers.)

ATTITUDE KEY OF THE WORLD. General Sir Ian Hamilton, proposing the health of the chairman, said it was with a thrill of great pride that all who fought in Gallipoli heard that our Fleet was sailing through the Dardanelles, and that our flag might now be waving from Sarri Behr. That rugged rock might be a more important place than German East Africa or New Guinea or Palestine, and he said to them with all earnestness: "Think twice before you allow a second evacuation of the peninsula. You have got now the strategic key of the world in your hands." (Cheers.)

Mr. Hughes said that even Germany admitted we had won the war, but there remained the question of winning the Peace. (Hear, hear.) He hoped the same qualities which had enabled us to win through those long, those momentous, those agonising months, those agonising months, those agonising months, would enable us to give the lie to the Peace Conference, and to the future of the British Empire and of civilisation. We must not be deluded by shadow, but grasp always the substance. We had built up and maintained this Empire because we had a standard of those qualities which had enabled us to give the lie to the Peace Conference, and to the future of the British Empire and of civilisation. (Continued as foot of next column.)

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY
WAR BOND DRAWING.

The Committee of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society War Bond Drawing have pleasure in announcing that the Winning Numbers for the Drawing which took place on Friday, the 21st inst., were as follows:—

THE WINNING NUMBERS.

Prize No.	Value.	Winning Ticket.	Prize No.	Value.	Winning Ticket.
1	\$17,610	15033	39	\$210	15093
2	7,050	08018	30	210	23072
3	7,050	11409	31	210	01380
4	7,050	04784	32	210	18857
5	7,050	20198	33	210	26475
6	7,050	08344	34	210	22480
7	3,525	12238	35	140	12395
8	700	24830	36	140	07005
9	700	19143	37	140	09098
10	700	23056	38	140	25174
11	350	13839	39	140	07221
12	350	20363	40	140	14378
13	350	27678	41	140	18977
14	350	05864	42	140	16379
15	350	00068	43	140	07104
16	350	11949	44	140	19083
17	280	22201	45	70	14532
18	280	22296	46	70	22934
19	280	12900	47	70	04187
20	280	02913	48	70	01176
21	280	02040	49	50	24332
22	280	04016	50	50	04320
23	280	11710	51	50	08335
24	280	05781	52	50	11398
25	210	00924	53	50	23518
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27	210	10468	55	50	25107
28	210	04441	56	50	03997

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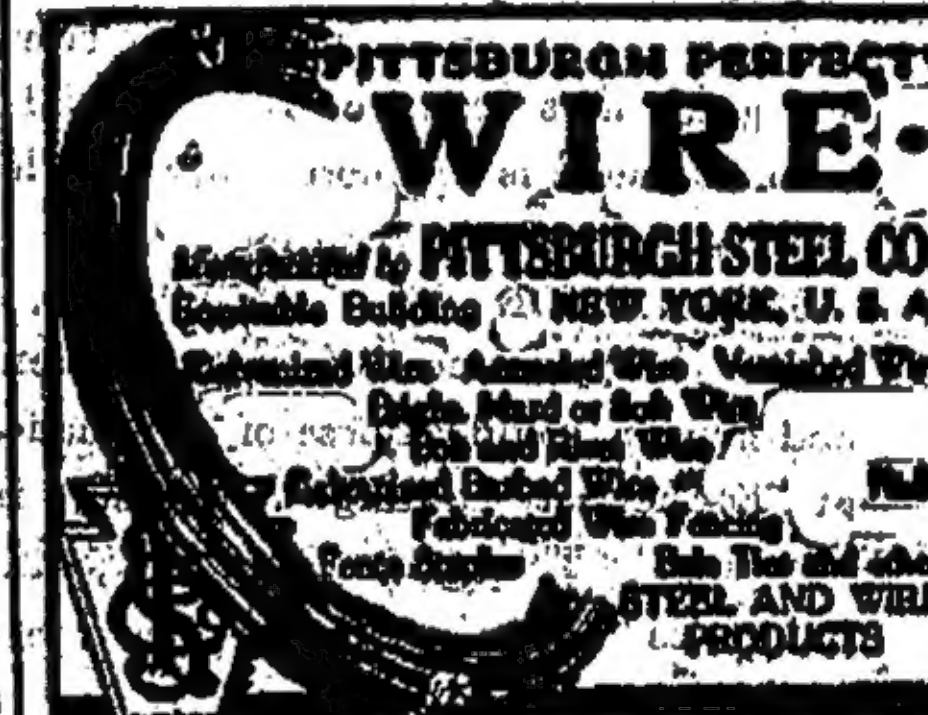
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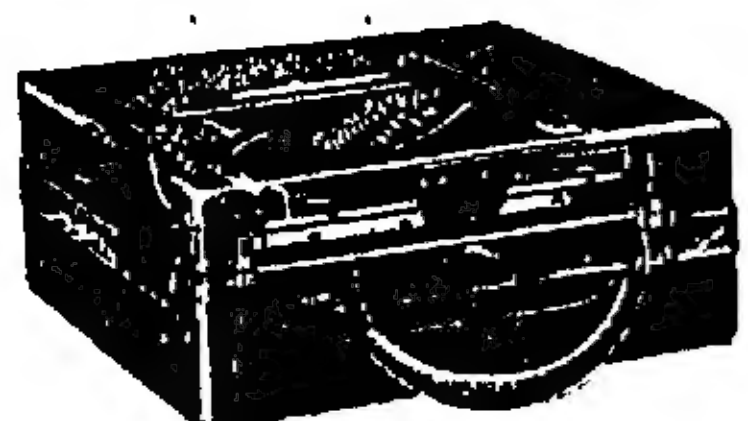
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ALLEGED GERMAN SOURCE.
ACTION FOR LIBEL.

The activities of the Independent Labour Party were the subject of investigation during the hearing of an action for alleged slander and libel brought before Mr. Justice Darling, in the King's Bench Division. Plaintiff was Mr. Thomas Duckworth Benson, treasurer of the Independent Labour Party, who also carried on business as an estate agent and valuer at Manchester. Defendant, Mr. Edwin Freeman, is the editor of the *Illustrated Pioneer*, and made a speech in the Market place at Ilkerton. The words complained of were as follows:—

"I would like to know from mere curiosity, of course where all the funds are coming from to engage the large halls in different parts of the country and to pay printing and other expenses. I challenge the I.L.P. to produce an honest balance-sheet and show where the money is coming from. In my mind I am certain it is coming from the same source that polluted Russia and is polluting other countries. We know that every year Germany has been spending millions of money in bribery, and I have not the slightest doubt that a portion of the money that is being spent to-day in the I.L.P. and Socialist propaganda is German money."

Defendant pleaded fair comment on a matter of public interest. Counsel for plaintiff were Mr. J. B. Matthews, K.C., and Mr. Cotes Freedy (instructed by Messrs. C. P. Fielder, Le Riche & Co.), and Mr. Rigby-Swift, K.C., and Mr. Marshall Freeman (instructed by Messrs. Gibson & Weldon) appeared for defendant.

Mr. Matthews said the I.L.P. had a membership of 60,000. Each member paid 1s. subscription. Special contributions were received towards their campaign fund, and all the contributions were acknowledged every week in the *Labour Leader*, the official organ of the party. Mr. Justice Darling: If the Germans wanted to contribute to the party they would not be likely to send a contribution in the name of the Kaiser. You don't find Hindenburg or Ludendorff amongst the contributors?

Mr. Matthews: I have not made a diligent search, nor have I any Black Books. (Laughter.) All I can say is that I have here a number of names; they look very like English names. It is open and public information as to the sources from which the money comes. Proceeding, counsel said Mr. Clynnes, the Food Controller, and a member of the Government, was a member of the I.L.P.

Mr. Justice Darling said he supposed anybody was qualified to be a member of the party, no matter what kind of work he did or whether he was a Minister of the Crown, a judge, or anything else. Labour was not to be understood as applying only to the horny-handed.

QUESTIONS ABOUT MR. CLYNES, M.P. Plaintiff gave evidence. He said he had been treasurer of the party for seventeen years. His office was in Johnson's court, Fleet-street. He had three sons serving in the Army, two holding commissions as lieutenants. They offered themselves before compulsory service came into force. The balance-sheet of the party was certified by auditors. All the moneys passed through his hands, and the annual balance-sheet was always published. It correctly disclosed all the moneys received. There was no truth in plaintiff's suggestion.

Cross-examined by Mr. Swift: Do you swear Mr. Clynnes, the Food Controller, is a member of the Independent Labour Party?—I have never heard of his withdrawal.

Has he repudiated the Party?—Certainly not.

Has the I.L.P. repudiated him?—Not as a member. We don't agree with his actions.

May I take it he is not in sympathy with your actions?—To a certain extent he is, and to a certain extent he is not.

Witness said that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was one of the principal members of the party. He did not think Mr. MacDonald was a pacifist in favour of peace as any price.

Mr. Swift: Have you for four years been asking for peace by negotiation?—Certainly.

Have you been assisting in obtaining peace by victory?—We want peace by negotiation. That has been our position.

"With your German friends," said Mr. Swift.

Witness: Mr. Balfour calls them "friends." I think.

Mr. Justice Darling asked where Mr. Balfour called them "German friends."

Witness: In the House of Commons.

Mr. Justice Darling: Mr. Balfour sometimes speaks ironically.

Mr. Swift: Was Mr. Balfour quoting Mr. Ramsay MacDonald?—No.

Do you really tell my lord and jury Mr. Balfour was alluding to the Huns as "our German friends"?—I don't pretend to interpret Mr. Balfour's mind. I thought it was a term that slipped out innocently.

Mr. Swift asked if the party at Glasgow on January 2nd, 1915, passed the resolution "That all members of the Independent Labour Party be requested not to assist the Government in recruiting campaigns."

Witness said it was quite possible.

You did not want to raise an army?—An army was raised. We preferred a voluntary army and not a conscript one. We were against compulsion.

Then read what they did in Italy?—I will be a revelation.

With the Germans in Belgium and France were begging for peace by negotiation?—We have got it now. President Wilson has been negotiating.

Mr. Justice Darling: Have you not realised that Mr. Wilson and his country have raised an army?—How can you negotiate with people with an army of millions of men if you have not something which will put you on equal terms?

Do you realise that thousands of Americans have laid down their lives in this struggle to attain the peace which we are now getting by victory? Certainly, but the question is might we not have had it by negotiation earlier?

What could you have negotiated with a German army in London?—It could not get to London.

By that resolution you were doing what you could to prevent us keeping up an army? My impression and I thoroughly believed it—was that, after the first six months, peace would have been got by negotiation, irrespective of the army.

Mr. Swift: The last three and a half years has taught you nothing in that respect? It has taught me it is better to negotiate for peace than to fight for it.

An extract from the *Labour Leader* of August 13th, 1914, was read by counsel. It described Socialist workers of Germany and Austria as comrades and brothers, and sent them sympathy and greetings. Counsel asked if witness approved of that.

Witness: I approve of the brotherhood of mankind.

Mr. Swift: The ordinary Labour party to which Mr. Barnes and Mr. Thorne and all the Labour leaders belong is a combination of trade unionists and Socialists.

Have the Socialists for years been trying to dominate trade union? No.

Do they in fact do it? It is a question of ability.

Mr. Justice Darling: Do they do it by negotiation?

Mr. Swift: Or by what is known as gerrymandering?

Witness: How can 50,000 gerrymander 5,000,000?

Further questioned, witness said he could not state how many members of the party had been prosecuted during the war for publishing literature contrary to the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Mr. Swift: Your party was doing something which the Government regarded as harmful to the success of the Army in the field? I suppose so.

You were regarded as enemies of the community?—Certainly not.

Reference was made to a pamphlet of the "Women's Peace Crusade" which was addressed to the women of Ilkerton. Witness said it had nothing to do with his party, but he approved of the pamphlet, because peace was coming before Christmas.

Mr. Justice Darling pointed out that the peace coming now had been obtained by the operations on sea and in the field. An army that got no recruits was bound to be beaten by the army that got recruits.

Alluding to the pamphlet on "Women's Peace Crusade, Leaflet No. 3," witness said he was a director of the National Press, Limited, who had published the pamphlet. He had not seen the pamphlet, but he approved of the women's peace crusade which the I.L.P. was carrying on.

Mr. Swift: Do you find in the history of the world such wickedness as the Germans have been guilty of during the last four years?—I think so.

Do you approve the reply to the woman mentioned in the pamphlet who asked, "Would you let them (the Germans) come here and do as they did in Belgium?"—It is a difficult question to answer.

Mr. Justice Darling said it came to this, that the Germans did not outrage the women when they entered Luxembourg because Luxembourg had no soldiers, and the argument was that if they came to England they would not do any harm if there was not anybody to protect them.

WITNESS IN NON-RESISTANCE.

Witness replied that he believed absolutely in non-resistance.

Mr. Justice Darling: You believe we should allow ourselves to be conquered by the Germans, and if they choose to make a German province of England, you would not resist, then?—They could not make it a German province.

Mr. Swift: Have you ever been in London during an air raid?—No.

Counsel, having read the pamphlet, asked, "Do you agree with that? When we on one occasion stood in this court while bombs were dropping—do you mean that these were not attacks on innocent people?"

Witness said he was not surprised that people all over the country criticised the I.L.P., and said they were the friends of Germany.

Counsel read an extract from a German paper, which said:—

"Amid all the blindness, only members of a tiny little party had preserved cool, calm, and wise vision—the members of the Independent Labour Party, which seems destined to play a further part in the course of the war, and especially at the conclusion of peace. It is impossible to estimate high enough the very courageous behaviour of Ramsay MacDonald." (Laughter.)

Mr. Swift: Do you agree with that?—I think we shall play an important part.

Witness said he knew where all the money came from. He would not accept an anonymous gift to the party. Without his books he could not explain one item of £20 per J. Ramsay MacDonald, and another £100 from O.A.P. He would not accept one penny without a guarantee of the bona fides of the individual. He could not say that his business had suffered in consequence of the alleged libel. He knew that the Germans had subscribed to the Junker papers in France.

His Lordship: Are you acquainted with what they did in Italy?—No.

Then read what they did in Italy?—I will be a revelation.

A "CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR."

Further cross-examined, plaintiff said he was a director of the National Labour Press, whose office had been raided by the police three or four times, and of the National Press Bureau.

From the beginning of the war has there been poured out from the National Press Bureau a stream of anti-British literature, which has been condemned by the magistrates?—Not anti-British—only pacifist.

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After a few minutes' deliberation, the jury found for the defendant.

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GERMANS KICK AGAINST
THE BILL.

[BY H. J. GREENWALL, "DAILY EXPRESS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

BERLIN, December 10th.

"We cannot pay the 480,000,000 marks (£24,000,000,000) that Mr. Lloyd George wants us to pay."

This statement was made to me to-day by Professor Ballod, who told me that before the war the total national wealth of Germany was 105,000,000,000 marks (£5,250,000,000), excluding the railways, which represented the working capital of the country.

Professor Ballod declared that the figures given by Herr Steinmann Bucher, in which the national wealth was assessed at from 300,000,000,000 to 400,000,000,000 marks (£15,000,000,000 to £20,000,000,000), were false, and were merely issued in order to encourage the German public to subscribe to the war loans.

"The national wealth of the country to-day," continued Professor Ballod, "is 360,000,000,000 marks (£18,000,000,000), made up as follows:—

Public buildings	£250,000,000
House property in the cities	£3,500,000,000
Real estate	£4,500,000,000
Stocks and shares	£2,000,000,000
Mines and manufactures	£1,250,000,000
Raw materials	£250,000,000
Railways	£1,250,000,000
Invested in war loans	£5,000,000,000
A total sum of 360,000,000,000," he continued, "would pay for the damage done by Germany in Northern France, £500,000,000 for the damage done in Belgium, £750,000,000 for the ships that have been sunk."	

"The figure I have given you as representing our national wealth, however, is really false because of the decrease in the value of the mark. We are, in fact, £1,000,000,000 poorer than we were before the war, and we have now only one copper mine, which produces 10,000 tons annually, but the cost of mining it is three times as great as the sum we should have to pay for imported copper."

HIRED TO SINK SHIPS.

DISCLOSURE OF GERMAN PLAN OF BARBARITY.

An interesting circular, issued by the German Naval General Staff to naval attaches in November, 1914, was read by Mr. Justice Ballod, in the course of the defence, by Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, recently. The case related to a fire on the str. *Tennison*, caused by an explosion from a bomb placed among the cargo by a German.

The German circular stated:—

"It is necessary to hire, through third parties, who stand in no relationship to the official representatives of Germany, agents for arranging explosives (explosives) on ships bound for enemy countries, and for arranging delays, embroilments, and confusion during the loading, unloading, and unloading of ships. For this purpose we are especially recommending for your attention leaders of gangs, amongst whom there are many anarchists and escaped criminals and that you get in touch with German central shipping offices (as a means of obtaining the names of enemy countries who are receiving and shipping the munitions)."

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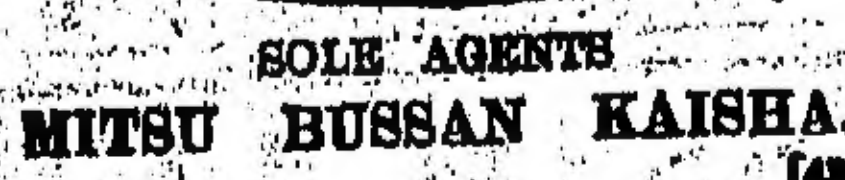
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